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CASABLANCA AND COPENHAGEN FOR FISHATTS

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SUBJ: FISHERIES: GOP 200-MILE ZONE, GIFA WITH U.S.;
AND ACCORD WITH MAURITANIA

REF: (A) LISBON 1556, (B) STATE 42826, (C) STATE 23914 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GOP HAS SENT 200-MILE ZONE PROPOSAL TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. EARLY PASSAGE IS EXPECTED. FISHERIES OFFICIALS STILL STUDYING DRAFT U.S./GOP GIFA. GOP/MAURITANIA FISHERIES AGREEMENT HAS EXPIRED WITHOUT NEW AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. 200-MILE ZONE: A.) GOP HAS SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ITS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE (REF A). COMPANION MEASURE REPORTEDLY WOULD EXTEND PORTUGUESE TERRITORIAL LIMIT FROM 6 TO 12MILES. EMBOFF MET MARCH 4 WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR FISHERIES ADMINISTRATION, CDR. ESTEVES CARDOSO, WHO HAD JUST ANSWERED ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE QUESTIONS ABOUT MEASURE. CARDOSO EXPECTS ASSEMBLY APPROVAL (WITH NO PROBLEMS) WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS. HE BELIEVES LAW WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON APPROVAL, BUT WILL PROVIDE FOR TRANSITION PERIOD.

B.) CARDOSO CONCURRED WITH EARLIER PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, PEDRO COELHO, THAT PORTUGUESE FLEET SHOULD BE ABLE TO DOUBLE ITS CATCH IN THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED 200-MILE ZONE. HE SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT FOREIGN VESSELS HAVE IMPEDED PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO RICH "ALICE BANK" AREA SOUTHWEST OF AZORES WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN ECONOMIC ZONE. SOME OTHER RELATIVELY RICH FISHING AREAS WILL FALL INTO CONTINENTAL 200-MILE ZONE, BUT RICHEST BANKS BETWEEN THE CONTINENT AND MADEIRA WILL FALL JUST BETWEEN, I.E., OUTSIDE OF, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPECTIVE ZONE.

C.) CARDOSO CLAIMED GOP HOPES TO OBTAIN COD FISHING RIGHTS IN BARENTS SEA SECTOR OF SOVIET 200-MILE ZONE IN EXCHANGE FOR CONTINUED RUSSIAN RIGHTS WITHIN PORTUGUESE ZONE.

2. U.S./GOP GIFA: EMBOFF GAVE CARDOSO SUMMARY OF REF B RE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN U.S. ZONE. CARODSO SAID HE HAD NOT FULLY STUDIED DRAFT GIFA (REF C) WHICH WE HAD GIVEN TO HIM (AND TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMIC OFFICER PINTO DOS SANTOS). HE PLANS TO HAVE HIS STAFF REVIEW THE DRAFT WHILE HE IS IN NORWAY THIS WEEK, BUT DOES NOT FORESEE ANY PROBLEMS. CARDOSO IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH U.S. COMPANIES (PER LISBON 716 NOTAL) AND TO CREATE "ANY POSSIBILITY AT ALL" FOR A SQUID QUOTA. CARDOSO AGREES WITH DEPARTMENT THAT WASHINGTON SIGNING WOULD BE CONVENIENT. HE DID ASK US TO CLARIFY ONE POINT: COULD AGREEMENT BE BASED ONLY ON ENGLISH TEXT,

WITH PORTUGUESE TEXT TO BE AGREED ON LATER (AND WITH PROVISO THAT ENGLISH TEXT GOVERNS)? CARDOSO BELIEVES THIS PROCEDURE WOULD ACCELERATE PROCESS.

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3. PORTUGUESE/MAURITANIAN AGREEMENT: CARDOSO CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT PORTUGUESE VESSELS HAD CEASED FISHING INSIDE MAURITANIAN 30-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMITS ON FEB 28, THE DATE BILATERAL ACCORD EXPIRED. HE SAID AGREEMENT ON NEW ACCORD HAS NOT BEEN REACHED BECAUSE MAURITANIANS WANT "TOO MUCH" ADDITIONAL MONEY.

4. FISHERIES ORGANIZATION: ACCORDING TO CARDOSO, REORGANIZATION OF GOP FISHERIES SERVICES REMAINS IN SUSPENSION. AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MINISTER ANTONIO BARRETO HAD PLEDGED MINISTERIAL REORGANIZATION WOULD BE COMPLETED BY END OF 1976. CARDOSO SAID HE IS TRYING TO GET "ORGANIC LAW" APPROVED JUST FOR FISHERIES SECRETARIAT. HE NOTED THAT QUESTION WOULD BE RAISED IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

5. LOS CONFERENCE: AS FAR AS CARDOSO KNOWS, MARIO RUIVO AGAIN WILL HEAD GOP DELEGATION. CARDOSO WAS VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF LOS AGREEMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT RESPOND ASAP TO QUESTION RAISED IN PARA 2.
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